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SUBJECT: US PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY IO (BUFFUM) MET WITH JAPANESE
EMBASSY MINISTER NISHIDA 27 FEBRUARY TO INFORM HIM OF US
PLANS IN PREPARATION FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION UNGA IN
SEPTEMBER 1975. AMBASSADOR BUFFUM NOTED THAT LDC AGENDA
FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION HAS ALREADY SURFACED AT DAKAR
MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED ON COMMODITIES AND ALGIERS
MEETING OF GROUP OF 77 ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S
IN PREPARATION FOR LIMA CONFERENCE MARCH 12. HE SAID WE
HAVE NOW ESTABLISHED INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP
UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP TO STUDY POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS
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US MIGHT MAKE IN COURSE OF SPECIAL SESSION, POSSIBLY IN

SUCH AREAS AS COMMODITIES, FOOD, UN MACHINERY, ETC. HE INDICATED OUR WISH TO CONSULT LEADERS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHO TAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO SUCH PROBLEMS IN THE UN AND THAT AT THE MOMENT THESE WOULD INCLUDE GERMANY, CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, AS WELL AS JAPAN. HE ADDED WE WOULD BE PREPARED LATER TO EXTEND CONSULTATIONS TO OTHERS INCLUDING LDC'S. HE SOLICITED JAPANESE SUGGESTIONS ON SUCH APPROACH, THE DESIRABILITY OF REGULAR COORDINATION, WHETHER FORUM SHOULD BE IN EUROPE, ASIA OR NEW YORK, AND WHETHER AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT OVERALL OR GENERAL HARMONIZATION OF VIEWS, ISSUE BY ISSUE. WHILE WE HAVE TIME TO PLAN FOR THE SEPTEMBER SESSION, HE NOTED WE STILL

HAVE THE PRESSURES OF MEETING DEADLINES FOR EARLIER RELATED MEETINGS INCLUDING THAT OF 7TH SESSION PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK JUNE 16-27.

2. NISHIDA INDICATED HIS APPRECIATION OF OPPORTUNITY FOR EARLY PRIVATE DISCUSSION AND REMARKED THAT BAD COORDINATION DID UNDERMINE POSITION OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AT THE LAST SPECIAL SESSION. HE NOTED PREPARATORY GROUP MEETING OF INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL. HE ASKED WHETHER THE GROUP WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET THROUGH THE SPECIAL SESSION AND WAS ASSURED THAT WAS OUR THOUGHT. HE SAID OIL PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE ON FRENCH AND ALGERIAN INITIATIVE MAY BE BROADER TO INCLUDE ALL RAW MATERIALS AND THAT THIS WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR PREPARATIONS SINCE SUCH MEETINGS MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN MARCH/APRIL AND AGAIN IN JUNE/JULY. THEY WOULD ALSO INCLUDE PRICING AND INDEXATION ISSUES. IN EXPRESSING HIS SUPPORT FOR CLOSER DEVELOPED COUNTRY COORDINATION, NISHIDA NOTED SHIFT IN MOOD OF NON-OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOWARD MODERATION AND THAT THEY WERE THINKING OF WESTERN CHAIRMANSHIP SPECIAL SESSION. HE SAID WE MIGHT CONSIDER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME MODERATE LDC DELEGATIONS SUCH AS MALAYSIA AND THAILAND BUT THAT CONSULTATION AMONG OURSELVES WOULD BE FIRST PRIORITY. PERHAPS THESE CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK.

3. IN CLOSING, NISHIDA SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROMPTLY WITH TOKYO BUT THAT MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES WERE ATTENDING THE ESCAP MEETING IN NEW DELHI, AND WE MIGHT NOT GET A RESPONSE VERY QUICKLY.

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORTING ANY GOJ VIEWS ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND JAPANESE REACTIONS AS MAY COME TO YOUR ATTENTION. KISSINGER

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